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26. (Amended) A method as in claim 24, wherein the step of examining includes a step of generating a speech transcript from at least the audio portion of the audio/visual stream, and wherein recognized events comprise speech topics.

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27. (Amended) A method as in claim 24, wherein the [audio/visual] audio/video stream originates as a television broadcast signal.

28. (Amended) A method as in claim 24, wherein the [audio/visual] audio/video stream originates at a meeting, and further comprising a step of presenting the collateral information to meeting participants in real time or substantially real time.

29. (Amended) A method as in claim 28, wherein the step of presenting comprises a step of inserting the collateral information into the audio/video stream, and displaying the audio/video stream to the meeting participants.

30. (Amended) A method as in claim 28, and further comprising a step of archiving at least the collateral information.

31. (Amended) A method as in claim 24, wherein the database queries are automatically generated based on information corresponding to identified topics extracted from the audio/video stream, where the topics correspond to predetermined topic taxonomies.

32. (Amended) A method as in claim 24, wherein the step of examining includes steps of generating a speech transcript comprised of words from at least the audio portion of the audio/video stream; segmenting the words into sentences; and operating on the sentences to identify topics that correspond to predetermined topic taxonomies, wherein the step of generating database queries operates on identified topics.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in the application. Claims 25-32 have been amended. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.